

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, June 15, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Dillon, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Drolet. (1/19)

Representative LaJoy made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2005, supported by Representative Hunter. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid SB 551 before the Committee.

SB 551 Patterson Communications; telecommunications; rule making and eliminate sunset of the Michigan telecommunications act; provide for.

Chris Gillett, representing Senator Patterson, reviewed the contents of SB 551 with the Committee.

Commissioner Robert Nelson, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), spoke to the Committee regarding SB 551.

Cards for SB 551 were submitted by:

Paul Fuglie, representing Verizon, in support

Frank Cusmano, representing Sprint, in support

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in support

Representative Proos made a motion to report SB 551 with recommendation, supported by Representative Stahl.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, LaJoy, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Dillon, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (16/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

On behalf of the Committee, Chair Nofs presented House Resolution 85 to Commissioner Nelson expressing thanks for his years of service to the MPSC. (Commissioner Nelson will complete his term of service to the MPSC in the near future.)

The Chair laid SB 522 before the Committee.

SB 522 McManus Public utilities; other; use of highway by public utilities; provide for under certain conditions.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding SB 522 and answered questions from Committee members:

John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, in support

Emily Carney, Representing Senator McManus
Robert Nelson and John King, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission
Representative Michael Murphy, Lansing City Council Members Joan Bauer and Randy Williams, and Paul C. Novak, Lansing City Attorney, in opposition
Brett and Beth Shaw, representing themselves, in opposition
Ed Simmer, representing himself, in opposition

Cards for SB 522 were submitted by:

Greg Clark, representing the Indiana Michigan Power Company, in support
Cathy Wilson, representing Consumers Energy, in support
Rich Studley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in support
Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in support

Chair Nofs stated that the Committee will continue to hear testimony and work on SB 522 at the next meeting of the Committee.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to excuse Representative Drolet, supported by Representative Nofs. No objections being offered, Representative Drolet was excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:53 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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